



# MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Accurate  
Local and  
NATIONAL  
NEWS COVERAGE

## Jackson



## Advocate

HOME EDITION

THIS WEEK'S  
NEWS  
THIS WEEK

VOLUME 2, NUMBER 14

JACKSON, MISS., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1941

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Hint 'Skegee Air Field May Be Turned Over To Britons

Here's A Picture Story For Dictators



Pigtails, freckles and pearly teeth combine this gay picture of young Americans to tell a story of tolerance and equal opportunity more adequately than mere words. Casting for one of her famed juvenile dramatizations, Nita Mack, talented CBS director of children's programs, drew this typical assortment of ingots from the melting pot. She hands

out parts to little actors and actresses with no thought of race, color or creed—opportunity here recognizes talent, only. Partly hidden at the left is Rudolph Valentino Whitaker; in the center is a blonde, pigtailed daughter of the Vikings; clasping her audition notice is multi-freckled Erika Winters—stars all, in the American way of life.

## NEED OF SIX NEGRO DIVISIONS POINTED OUT TO WAR DEP'T

### Army Rejecting Race Volunteers

WASHINGTON—(SNS)—In his address in the House last Wednesday, Representative Hamilton Fish revealed contents of a letter written by him to Major General Emory S. Adams in which he pointed out to the War Department the necessity of "at least a half-dozen colored divisions."

In the letter, he said "many complaints have reached my office that colored volunteers are being rejected in Philadelphia, Detroit and other places."

"I am writing to ask if you could give me information in regard to the voluntary enlistment of our colored citizens. Many complaints have reached my office that colored volunteers are being rejected in Philadelphia, Detroit, and other places. It seems to me that inasmuch as we are fighting this war for freedom and democracy there should be no distinction whatever between our white and colored citizens in our armed forces, and that Negroes should not only be permitted but encouraged to volunteer."

"If we are to have an armed force of 7,000,000 men, approximately 700,000 will be colored soldiers. I had incorporated into the original draft bill an amendment that aimed to prevent any discrimination against colored soldiers so that they might enter into all branches of the Army."

"I am further interested in knowing what is being done to organize colored divisions. Certainly, with an Army now approximating 2,000,000 more to be trained during the year, there should be at least a half-dozen colored divisions. I will appreciate it if you will send me the information relative to the volunteering of our colored people immediately."

"Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAMILTON FISH.  
In his address in the House, Mr. Fish said he served with colored troops in the last war and declared he wanted to serve with them again if he is given an opportunity to serve in this war.

"I offered an amendment to the draft bill," he said, "which was finally accepted on the floor after a considerable fight, providing that there should be no discrimination against the colored soldier who was drafted; that he could go into any of the branches of the Army service. That is the law today. Supporting what the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Sacks) had to say, I have received letters from Detroit and other cities stating that colored people were being denied the opportunity to enlist, to serve in our armed forces, in a war for what? For freedom and democracy? Who has a better right to serve than the Negroes? Who has a better right to volunteer in a fight for freedom and democracy than the colored men of America?"

"I served last July with a number of colored regiments at Fort Bragg, N. C., headed by Southern

(Continued on Back Page)

### J. D. Percy Gun Shot Victim

J. D. Percy, for a long time connected with the Crystal Palace ballroom, was the victim of a near fatal shooting Saturday on Junction Street, in what is said to have been a friendly crap game staged in a poorly lighted room, because of which the wounded man was unable to identify the man who did the shooting.

Shot through the chest with the bullet lodged against the heart, the wounded man is in a serious condition in a local hospital and given only a slight chance of recovery.

### New Tuskegee Air Field May Go To Britons

Dr. Patterson  
Hopes No Change  
Will Be Made

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—According to reports which have been circulating about the war department here, the new two million dollar airfield which was erected near Tuskegee Institute to serve as a training center for Negro aviation cadets may be used for teaching British airmen.

There are hundreds of young white Englishmen who have been sent to America within recent months to be taught war time flying. After they finish their training here they return to England to join the RAF or go to Canada as part of the CAF, the Canadian Air Force. A number of these young English flyers have been training at Maxwell field, near Montgomery, Alabama, a few miles from Tuskegee. Maxwell field, a regular army training field, is said to need more facilities for regular United States army work and so the report goes the British cadets will be sent over to the new Tuskegee field.

What alarms those who are in-

(Continued on back page)

### Emancipation Program To Be Sunday

On Sunday afternoon, January 4, 1942, the celebration of the 76th anniversary of the Emancipation will be observed with an Emancipation Program at Pearl Street AME streets.

The program is being sponsored

(Continued on Back Page)

### Red Cross In Home Nursing Makes Progress

Under the direction of Nurse O. W. Harris, R. N., Red Cross Nurse and instructor in Health Education at Jackson College, the Home Nursing Class met at the Williams Community Center, Farish street on November 3, and organized with 25 members. The following named persons were elected as officers: Mesdames Harriette Ward, presi-

(Continued on Back Page)

### Never-Old Christmas Story Is Retold



"MADONNA OF THE HARPIES"—This moving Christmas theme was represented by Miss Dorothy Nicholas, John Holmes and Lorenzo Harris, students at Howard University last week under the direction of Dr. Howard Thurman, dean of chapel. The scene is an adaptation of Andrea del Sarto's famous painting of the same title.

## Georgia Peonage Case Is Heard By Supreme Court

By ALVIN E. WHITE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Georgia peonage and injustice to Negroes came to the attention of the Supreme Court of the United States the very day the entire country was observing the 150th anniversary of the famous bill of rights of the constitution, whereby every human being in this country is guaranteed the four freedoms of which the president has so often spoken.

The case was that of Ira Taylor vs. the state of Georgia, and two white attorneys from Georgia appeared before the full court to plead for the rights of Negroes in that state.

Charging violations of the 13th and 14th amendments to the constitution in that Taylor was deprived of his rights, the attorneys told the story, which they assert is the one of many similar stories that they know have happened in Georgia.

Ira Taylor contracted to work on a house for R. L. Hardie, a white storekeeper, it is reported, at the rate of \$1.25 per day. Hardie is said to have paid Taylor in advance and was supposed to have called Taylor when he needed him. Later, Hardie charged that Taylor

### 13th and 14th Amendments Were Violated Is Charge

lived in a house belonging to the latter for three months without paying any rent. Rent had been charged at the rate of \$4 per month when Hardie suddenly decided to have Taylor arrested for non-payment of the rent and thrown into jail.

The court record says Hardie told the court he should have gotten something else other than a warrant for Taylor. After Taylor was jailed, he brought up the other charge and then paid the sheriff an additional \$5 to release Taylor to work out his debt.

This came when Taylor, on trial, was ordered to pay \$35 fine in three days or in default to work in a public work camp for a period of eight months. It was at this point that Hardie paid the fine for Taylor.

When the case was brought up before the higher courts of Georgia, the action of the lower courts

was sustained, although the constitution of Georgia, a state founded by persons fleeing from debtors' prison says, it is against the state constitution to imprison a person for debts.

"This is an appeal from the Supreme Court of Georgia affirming the conviction of applicant as a common cheat and swindler by the supreme court of Wilkes county of Georgia," the brief stated.

Three times the case has been before the Georgia Supreme court and on each occasion the verdict of the court has been the same. The case was taken to that court on the strength of a similar case in Alabama, where the supreme court ruled in favor of the defendant; but in Georgia, the court ruled that the supreme court in that instance did not apply to Georgia. The decision was handed down 30 years ago and still stands in Alabama.

### DEBT SLAVES COMMON

Indignant Georgians, especially the Georgia Baptist convention, white, said of the case "There are more Negroes held by these debt slaves than were actually owned

(Continued on Back Page)

### Funeral Rites Held For S. Stevens

Funeral services for Mr. Simon Stevens of Cohea Street, longtime employee of the I. C. Railroad was held at Central M. E. church, Monday, Dec. 22, at 2 p. m., with Rev. A. L. Holland, the pastor, officiating.

Active pallbearers were composed of fellow railroad men and included Theodore Johnson, Earl Peters, Arthur Mallette, John Tobias, John Reed, and Dorsey Lucas.

Hon. pallbearers were Burr Brown, Dorsey Williams, Oscar King, Frank Washington, George Fagans, and E. R. Broomfield.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katie Stevens and several other relatives, his death coming after an illness of a brief duration.

Interment was at his old home in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, with funeral arrangements in charge of Frazier and Collins Funeral Home.

### Joe Louis Says Boxing Must Help Defense

NEW YORK—(C)—Champion Joe Louis, in a nifty ensemble, arrived in New York town Monday to begin training to defend his title against Buddy Bear January 9th. Before sleepy eyed reporters who met Joe at nine in the morning, he stated the immediate future of boxing was linked with national defense.

"I'm glad to fight Baer for nothing," said Louis, who is turning over his entire purse to the Navy Relief Fund. "Other boxers might just as well feel the same way. We all got a job to do. I say let's do it any way we can."

For more than a year now, Joe has been anxious to take a gun. "If my country needs me," His first chance to prove his gratitude to his country was in the coming fight with Baer in which he's helping the families of service men.

Joe was met by a delegation of Naval officers. Later he went to

### Japanese Drive On Philippines Is Increasing

FDR, Churchill  
Certain Allies  
Will Win War

WASHINGTON — (SNS) — Two unfavorable war reports reached this country last night.

1. The War Department said the Japanese were using light tanks in successful invasion attacks on the eastern shore of Lingayen gulf in the Philippines.

2. Switzerland government officials said they had learned from good sources that Hitler's forces were moving through westward occupied France to the Spanish frontier.

Meanwhile, in Washington yesterday, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill voiced utmost confidence in the abilities of their countries to fight the war to a "successful conclusion."

At a press conference, President Roosevelt told reporters the Allies were working out a complete unite of action in the Southwest Pacific.

Mr. Churchill declared the Allies should bank on an external knockout of Germany rather than an internal collapse of the Reich.

War observers feared that Hitler's move toward the Spanish frontier might be an effort on his part to break Gibraltar and invade North Africa.

Troop movement at this time was not believed large, but it was reported that Hitler has been massing German soldiers along the Spanish frontier for some time.

In its announcement last night,

(Continued on back page)

### Dr. Smith, Wife In Divorce Suit

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—Dr. Luther Smith, widely known state physician, whose outstanding work as physician at Alcorn College has attracted national attention, and his wife, appeared in the Chancery Court here Saturday in a suit for separation which, according to reports was the outgrowth of long inability of the two to live together in harmony.

With a number of witnesses, from other sections of the state, which included several close friends of the family, the case attracted much attention in social and professional circles here and at Alcorn College.

In the suit which is said to have been filed by the physician after his wife left the campus of the college sometime ago, he also sought the custody of their two children who had been living with his parents in Hattiesburg since the last disagreement and separation of the parents.

After hearing the case the court is said to have granted a temporary separation with the final decree to be given in March, giving Mrs. Smith temporary alimony in the sum of \$35 per month and awarding the custody of the children to the physician.

### Fined \$20. For Interfering

Ezekiel Bradley, well known local musician was fined \$20 in the City Court Monday on charge of being drunk and interfering with a police officer while in the performance of his duty.

Bradley was arrested Saturday night when, according to reports he made certain remarks concerning the conduct of a police toward a soldier whom the police was attempting to arrest. Bradley, as well as the soldier, is said to have received several licks about the head from the arresting officers.

### GEORGIA DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEETS

ALBANY, Ga.—(SNS)—The Negro National Defense Committee met at Georgia Normal College Saturday and planned a state-wide campaign to organize Negro women of the state in a unified program of civilian defense.